

**REMARKS**

Claims 20, 21, 23 and 24 are pending in this application. Claims 23 and 24 have been amended by the present Amendment. No new matter is added by the amendment to claims 23 and 24.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 20 and 21 are allowed and that claims 23 and 24 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112. Applicants submit that the amendments to claims 23 and 24 overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, and respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

**REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claims 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner maintains that in claims 23 and 24, "it is unclear a shape of each portion of which element divided by traverse openings is substantially a curved rectangle or circular in plane view".

In response, in order to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended claims 23 and 24 to recite "a shape of each portion of the pixel electrode divided by the traverse openings is substantially a curved rectangle or circular in plane view".

Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claims 23 and 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

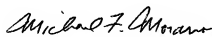
Reconsideration is also respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement.

In response, in order to advance prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended claim 24 to delete "a plurality of projected portions on the second substrate", and to recite "said common electrode having a plurality of openings." Applicants submit that support for this amendment can be found, for example, at page 8, lines 12-17 of Applicants' disclosure (also found at ¶0038 of US2004/0227887 (application publication); and col. 4, lines 43-50 of US 6,700,635 (parent)).

As such, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph.

An early and favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner has any further questions or comments, the Examiner may telephone Applicants' Attorney to reach a prompt disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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